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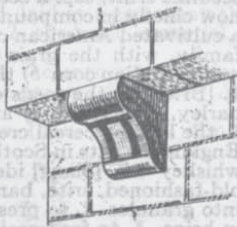
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cor-bel (kôr'bəl) *n.* [ME. & OFr., dim. of *corb*, raven < L. *corvus*, raven: so called from its beaked shape] 1. a piece of stone, wood, or metal, often in the form of a bracket, projecting from the side of a wall and serving to support a cornice, the spring of an arch, etc. 2. a short timber placed lengthwise under a beam or girder —*vt.* -beled or -belled, -bel-ling or -bel-ling to provide or support with a corbel or corbels



CORBEL

cor-bel-ing, **cor-bel-ling** (-in)

n. 1. the fashioning of corbels 2. courses of masonry, like steps in reverse

cor-bie (kôr'bē) *n., pl.* -bies [ME. *corbe* < OFr. *corb*: see CORBEL] [Scot.] a crow or raven

corbie gable a gable with corbiesteps

cor-bie-step (-step) *n.* [CORBIE + STEP] one of a series of steps at the upper end wall of some gables

cor-bi-na (kôr'bē'nā) *n.* same as CORVINA

Corbusier, **Le see** LE CORBUSIER

Cor-co-va-do (kôr'kô vā'vō) mountain in SE Brazil, near Rio de Janeiro: 2,310 ft.

Cor-cy-ra (kôr'sī'rā) ancient name of CORFU

cord (kôrd) *n.* [ME. & OFr. *corde* < L. *chorda* < Gr. *chordē*, catgut, chord, cord < IE. base **gher-*, *ghorna*, intestine, whence L. *haru-* (in *haruspex*), entrails, ON. & G. *garn*, YARN] 1. (a) thick string or thin rope 2. any force acting as a tie or bond 3. [from use of a cord in measuring] a measure of wood cut for fuel or pulpwood (128 cubic feet, as arranged in a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high, and 4 feet wide) 4. a) a rib on the surface of a fabric b) cloth with a ribbed surface; corduroy c) [pl.] corduroy trousers 5. Anat. any part resembling a cord (the spinal cord, vocal cords, umbilical cord): also CHORD 6. Elec. a slender, flexible insulated cable fitted with a plug or plugs, as to connect a lamp to an outlet —*vt.* 1. to fasten, connect, or provide with a cord or cords 2. to stack (wood) in cords

cord-age (-ij) *n.* [Fr.: see CORD & -AGE] 1. cords and ropes collectively, esp. the ropes in a ship's rigging 2. the amount of wood, in cords, in a given area

cor-date (kôr'dāt) *adj.* [ModL. *cordatus* < *cor* (gen. *cordis*), heart] heart-shaped [*cordate leaf*] —*cor'date-ly* *adv.*

Cor-day (d'Armont) (kôr dā'), (Marie Anne) Charlotte 1768-93; Fr. Girondist: assassin of Marat

cord-ed (kôr'did) *adj.* 1. fastened or tied with cords 2. made of or provided with cords 3. that looks like a tight cord, as a muscle 4. having a ribbed or twilled surface, as corduroy 5. stacked in cords, as wood

Cor-del-ia (kôr'dē'iyā) [prob. ult. < Celt. *Creiryddlydd*, lit., daughter of the sea] 1. a feminine name 2. in Shakespeare's *King Lear*, the youngest of Lear's three daughters, and the only one faithful to him

Cor-de-li-er (kôr'dā'li'r) *n.* [ME. & OFr. < *cordelle*, dim. of *corde* (see CORD): so named from the knotted cord worn as girdle] 1. in France, a member of the Franciscan Observants 2. [after the Church of the *Cordeliers*, Paris, where the meetings were held] a member of a radical French Revolutionary political club

cor-delle (kôr'del') *n.* [Fr., dim. of *corde*, rope: see CORD] a towing rope, esp. as formerly used on Mississippi flatboats and keelboats —*vt.* -delled', -dell'ing to tow with or as with a cordelle

cor-dial (kôr'djəl; Brit. kôr'd'yəl) *adj.* [ME. < ML. *cordialis* < L. *cor* (gen. *cordis*), heart] 1. [Rare] stimulating the heart; invigorating; reviving 2. a) warm and friendly; hearty [a cordial hello] b) sincere; deeply felt [a cordial distaste for formality] —*n.* 1. [Rare] a medicine, food, or drink that stimulates the heart 2. an aromatic, syrupy, alcoholic drink; liqueur —*SYN.* see AMIABLE —*cor'dial-ly* *adv.* —*cor'dial-ness* *n.*

cor-di-al-i-ty (kôr'djē'al'ē tē, kôr'jāl'ē; Brit. dē'al'ē) *n.* 1. cordial quality; warm, friendly feeling 2. *pl.* -ties a warm, friendly act or remark

cor-di-er-ite (kôr'dē'ā rīt') *n.* [after P. L. A. Cordier (1777-1861), Fr. geologist] a bluish crystalline mineral, Mg₂Al₂Si₂O₈, a silicate of magnesium and aluminum, with some iron in it: used sometimes as a gemstone

cord-i-form (kôr'dā'fôrm) *adj.* [L. *cor* (gen. *cordis*), heart + -FORM] heart-shaped

cor-dil-le-ra (kôr'dil'yē'rā, kôr'dil'ār'ā) *n.* [Sp. < *cordilla*, dim. of *cuerda*, rope, cord < L. *chorda*: see CORD] a system or chain of mountains; esp., the principal mountain range of a continent —*cor'dil-le-ran* *adj.*

Cor-dil-le-ras (kôr'dil'yē'rāz, kôr'dil'ār'āz) 1. mountain system of W North America, including all mountains between the E Rockies & the Pacific coast 2. mountain system of W South America; Andes

cord-ing (kôr'din) *n.* the ribbed surface of corded cloth

cord-ite (-dīt) *n.* [CORD + -ITE]: so called from its stringy appearance] a smokeless explosive containing nitrogen, guncotton, petroleum jelly, and acetone

cord-less (kôrd'lis) *adj.* 1. lacking a cord 2. operated only or optionally by batteries, unlike models operated only by current from an outlet [a cordless electric shaver]

Cor-do-ba (kôr'dā bā, -vā; Sp. kôr'thō bā) 1. city in NC Argentina: pop. 589,000 2. city in S Spain, on the Guadalquivir River: pop. 215,000

cor-do-ba (kôr'dā bā) *n.* [Sp. *córdoba*: named after F. Fernández de Córdoba, 16th-c. Sp. explorer] the monetary unit of Nicaragua: see MONETARY UNITS, table

cor-don (kôr'dŏn) *n.* [ME. & OFr., dim. of *corde*: see CORD] 1. a line or circle of police, soldiers, forts, ships, etc. stationed around an area to guard it 2. a cord, ribbon, or braid worn as a decoration or badge 3. a decorative, projecting band or molding, as of stone, along a wall; stringcourse —*vt.* to encircle or shut (off) with a cordon

cor-don bleu (kôr'dŏn blō) [Fr.] 1. the blue ribbon formerly worn as an emblem by Knights of the Order of the Holy Ghost, the highest order of knighthood in France under the Bourbon monarchy 2. a very high distinction 3. a person entitled to wear the cordon bleu 4. any person highly distinguished in his field; specif., a very skilled chef

cor-don sa-ni-taire (sā nē'ter) [Fr., lit., sanitary cordon] 1. a barrier restraining free movement of people or goods, so as to keep a disease, infection, etc. from spreading from one locality into another 2. a belt of countries serving to isolate another country and check its aggressiveness or lessen its influence

Cor-do-va (kôr'dā vā) *Eng. name of* CORDOBA

Cor-do-van (kôr'dā vān) *adj.* [L. *cordovan* < CORDOBA] 1. of Córdoba 2. [c-] made of cordovan —*n.* 1. a native or inhabitant of Córdoba 2. [c-] a fine-grained, colored leather, usually of split horsehide, but orig. made of goatskin at Córdoba, Spain 3. [c-] [pl.] shoes made of this leather

cor-du-roy (kôr'dā roi') *n.* [prob. < *cord* + obs. *duroy*, a coarse fabric formerly produced in England: hence, corded duroy] 1. a heavy cotton fabric with a piled, velvety surface, ribbed vertically 2. [pl.] trousers made of this fabric —*adj.* 1. made of, or ribbed like, corduroy 2. made of logs laid crosswise [a corduroy road]

cord-wain (kôr'dwān) *n.* [ME. & OFr. *cordewan* < Pr. *cordoan* < Sp. *cordobán*: see CORDOVAN] [Archaic] cordovan leather

cord-wain-er (-wān'ər) *n.* [ME. *cordwaner* < OFr. *cordouanier*: see prec.] [Archaic] a leatherworker who made things of cordovan, esp. shoes

cord-wood (-wood) *n.* wood stacked or sold in cords

core (kôr) *n.* [ME. < OFr. *cor*, prob. < L. *cor*, heart] 1. the hard, central part of an apple, pear, etc., that contains the seeds 2. the central or innermost part of anything 3. the most important part, as of a matter, discussion, etc.; essence; pith 4. in foundry work, that part of a mold which forms the interior of a hollow casting 5. a sample cylindrical section of the earth's strata beneath the surface of land or water, obtained with a hollow drill 6. the region in the center of a nuclear reactor that contains the fissionable fuel 7. the board to which outer layers of veneer are attached 8. Chem. the nucleus together with the closed electron shells of an atom 9. Elec. a mass of iron placed inside a wire coil, serving to channel and increase the strength of the magnetic field resulting from current in the coil —*vt.* -cored, *cor'ing* to remove the core of

CORE (kôr) Congress of Racial Equality

co-re-la-tion (kô'ri lā'shən) *n.* same as CORRELATION —*co-rel'a-tive* (-rel'ə tiv) *adj.* —*co-rel'a-tive-ly* *adv.*

co-re-li-gion-ist (kô'ri lij'ə nist) *n.* a person of the same religion or religious denomination

Co-rel-li (kô rel'ē; It. kô rel'ē), **Arc-an-ge-lo** (ār kăn'je lō) 1653-1713; It. composer & violinist

co-re-op-sis (kôr'ē āp'sis) *n.* [ModL. < Gr. *koris*, bug + *opsis*, appearance: so named from the shape of the fruit] any of a genus (*Coreopsis*) of plants of the composite family, having showy heads with yellow, crimson, or maroon ray flowers

cor-er (kôr'ər) *n.* a cutting or piercing instrument for removing the cores of apples, pears, etc.

co-re-spond-ent (kô'ri spān'dənt) *n.* [CO- + RESPONDENT] Law a person charged with having committed adultery with the wife or husband from whom a divorce is being sought —*co're-spond'en-cy* *n.*

corf (kôr'f) *n., pl.* corves (kôrvz) [ME. < MDu. & MLowG. < L. *corbis*, a basket] [Brit.] a basket or small cart, as for carrying coal, ore, etc. in mines

Cor-fam (kôr'fam) [arbitrary coinage] a trademark for a leatherlike, porous synthetic material, used for shoe uppers —*n.* this material

Cor-fu (kôr'fō; kôr'fō', -fyōō') 1. one of the Ionian Islands, off the W coast of Greece: 229 sq. mi.; pop. (with small nearby islands) 102,000 2. its chief city, a seaport: pop. 27,000

cor-gi (kôr'gē) *n.* same as WELSH CORGI

co-ri-a-ceous (kôr'ē ā'shəs) *adj.* [LL. *coriaceus* < L. *corium*, hide: see CORIUM] of or like leather

co-ri-an-der (kôr'ē an'dər, kôr'ē an'dər) *n.* [ME. & OFr. *coriandre* < L. *coriandrum* < Gr. *koríandron*] 1. a European annual herb (*Coriandrum sativum*) of the parsley family 2.

fat, āpe, cār; ten, ēven; is, bīte; gō, hōrn, tōōl, look; oil, out; up, fūr; get; joy; yet; chin; she; thin, then; zh, leisure; ŋ, ring; ø for a in ago, e in agent, i in sanily, o in comply, u in focus; * as in able (ā'b'l); Fr. bāl; ē, Fr. cœur; ô, Fr. feu; Fr. mon; ô, Fr. coq; ū, Fr. duc; r, Fr. cri; H, G. ich; kh, G. doch. See inside front cover. ☆ Americanism; † foreign; * hypothetical; < derived from